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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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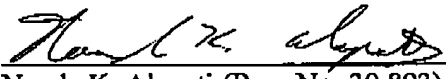
Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 1, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-29), for Examination in the present application, without traverse.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Womble Carlyle's Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

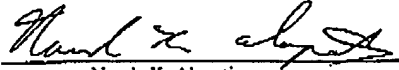
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